

RUSSIAN WEED GAINS IN IDAHO

Farmers Asked to Aid in
Eradication of Im-
ported Pest

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MOSCOW, Ida., Oct. 2.—Russian knapweed is one of the new pernicious weeds that has come into Idaho. It should receive serious attention from the farmer as to its eradication. It is no wound in Gooding, Blaine and Bonneville counties and will find its way to other parts of the state if its rapid growth is not checked.

It was brought into the United States in imported Turkistan alfalfa seed from Turkistan Asia. Only three years ago, the carloads were shipped from a Siberian port to establish to be distributed throughout the country. Some of this shipment reached Idaho, but many seed dealers, acting upon the advice of the state seed commissioner, refrained from disposing of their respective lots. In view of the fact that Russian knapweed seed is not listed in the state statutes as a noxious weed, the state seed laboratory could not condemn lots of Turkistan alfalfa seed containing the above weed seed, but gave it much publicity.

The early spring growth produces long, notched, dark blue-green, woolly leaves very dissimilar to those produced in the blooming stage. The latter are about one-fourth inch in length, oblong in shape, smooth edges and of a yellowish green color. One not familiar with this peculiarity would be led to believe for a time that another weed had made its appearance. Since it belongs to the same family of plants as the familiar, old-fashioned bachelor button or corn flower, the flower parts, especially the seed receptacle (pineapple-like urn), are very similar but smaller.

Infested areas near Idaho Falls are not bearing seed to any extent this year, but the extensive black fern-like underground root stalks, much in growth like those of Canada thistle are assisting the weed to spread rapidly, choking out crop plants, especially potatoes and grain. Along fence lines it was found growing rankly, having an appearance of a hedge, reaching in height three feet. The only hope of its eradication is to keep down all green top growth which will starve the underground root system, where the food is stored for surface growth. One of the recommended methods is clean cultivation. This can be accomplished by plowing and discing just as the first top growth is about to appear in early spring, which process must be continued every week or 10 days throughout the entire summer. During the middle of the summer and after, a rod or blade weeder can be used to profitable advantage.

The other method is to spray with sodium arsenite. This mode of eradication is as yet in the experimental stage, but from what has been done in a systematic manner, very promising results have been secured. There is a very decided difference between areas that have been sprayed and those that have not been sprayed. The killing is so severe that only here and there new shoots appear. It takes three or four in a square yard. If any farmer has the least suspicion of this new weed growing on his farm, he is welcome to mail a specimen to the state seed laboratory, Boise, Idaho, for identification. If there is any question as to the presence of this weed seed in any lot of alfalfa seed he contemplates buying, request a two-ounce sample for state test. The seeds of Russian knapweed are very conspicuous in alfalfa seed on account of their chalky-white color and oblong shape.

SHE WAS APPRECIATIVE.

Little Elsie came in from the country to visit her grandparents. There being other guests, Elsie slept in the folding bed. Upon her return home she wrote: Dear Grandma—I slept in your bureau drawer and liked it very much.

WAR ROMANCE IS BROKEN UP

Pathetic Letters Reveal
Tragedy in New York
Home

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—"As you told me, I am gone and shall never come back. If you want a divorce or separation, I am ready. You shall have it. If you want to speak to me, you can put a red ribbon at the window and you can meet me in front of the house. I hold no grudge against you. Guard a good remembrance of me."

Leaving this note, Mrs. Reine Marguerite Pugnoud Beekman, on Christmas Eve, 1920, announced her departure from the home of her husband, Dudley A. Beekman, in New York. They were married in France after a romance blossoming during his convalescence in a hospital at which she was a governess. She was 18, a vivacious and sympathetic French girl. He was 25, a lieutenant in the American army, sick in a strange land.

MOTHER PLAYS DETECTIVE. Now he is suing for divorce and the foregoing above letter along with others, is entered in the court record to bolster his case.

The mother-in-law of the young French bride, Mrs. Agnes Vail Beekman, also gets her name in the files as the detective who saw the alleged love-making of Mrs. Reine Beekman in an automobile at Inspiration Point, Riverside Drive.

Just a short time after her leaving-taking the French girl wrote him this letter, Beekman asserts:

"Take me back. Listen, my Dudley dear. Take back your little wife. If you knew how unhappy I am since I left you, I cried for you all the days, but too proud, I did not want to come back. I have no more courage to suffer longer and want to come back. I wish—my love and fidelity—to make you forget all my sins."

MY LITTLE DEAREST HUSBAND.

"You say you do not love me any more; you believe that, but you loved me too much not to love me any more. My dearest, love—that doesn't die. You are and always will be my dearest husband. Remember the beautiful past which can come back and last all your life time, if you wish."

"You say your mother would not want me to see you. Yes, and she will see the day when you send her the photo of a pretty baby who will unite us still more, one to the other. Take back your little wife and think well that no word can change my ideas. Little husband; take back your little Reine. She wishes so much to forget she caused you pain. Always yours and for always."

WIFE WANTS SEPARATION.

Another missive read:

"Since all is over and you have all that is necessary for a divorce against me, why do you not act with frankness and retake each our entire liberty? I have left the domicile conjugal since one year. I give you all the rights in the divorce. Do all that you believe it is well to do against me, but remember just the same all ways that I was your wife and that once you had love for me."

The young French bride indignantly denies her mother-in-law's accusations.

Mr. Beekman mentions in his suit also Henri L. Pettit, restaurant proprietor. His wife says that at no time were their relations improper.

Mrs. Reine Beekman demands that she be granted a separation decree and asks that the divorce proceedings be dismissed.

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KEPT HIS PROMISE.

More than 50 years ago while Harmon Goodwin was walking down the street at Amesbury, Mass., a small boy accosted him, saying: "Will you please lend me 2 cents to buy some marbles. When I get to be a man I will pay you." Mr. Goodwin gave the boy 2 cents and went on, never giving it a thought after.

Well the boy grew up, came west and became a successful business man. A few days ago he went back to Amesbury on a visit. He learned that Mr. Goodwin was still alive residing at Charlestown, Mass. Whereupon he sent him a check for the 2 cents plus interest compounded annually for 50 years.

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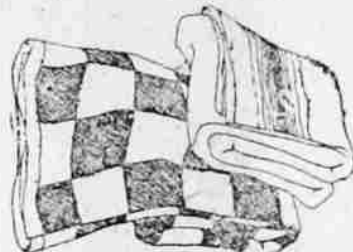
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FLOCKMASTERS NEED 5 YEARS

That Period Needed By
Sheepmen to Overcome
Effect of Collapse

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Five years will be required to overcome the effects of the recent collapse in the sheep industry, according to a survey made public here today by the National Institute of Progressive Farming.

"How close the sheep industry in this country came to annihilation during the inflation period is not realized by the general public," stated the survey. "It was all but wiped out. Imported rams were butchered and sold as meat owing to the collapse of the market."

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children of Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri and Nebraska have adopted it officially as the state flower. Georgia, Iowa, North Dakota and New York have adopted various kinds of roses. Other flowers, including the violet, bitter root, rhododendron and mountain laurel, have been chosen by world.

other states. The flower most associated with the Confederate states probably was the magnolia blossom. —Philadelphia Ledger.

The coast of Annam on the China sea is one of the stormiest in the world.

VALUABLE POULTRY.

When Mrs. Michael Kelly of Gloucester was preparing a chicken for her family dinner last Sunday she found a diamond pin worth \$400 in it. The fowl originally came from a Philadelphia chicken farm.

